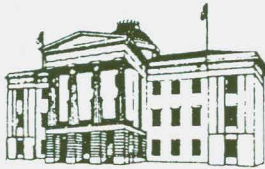


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is proud to be home to more than 1.7 million citizens aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the many contributions made by older Americans that have helped strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, older adults in North Carolina are revered members of the community, their wisdom and insight is vital to our youth and helps eliminate generational divides; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages older adults to remain active and engaged in their communities and to seek out services, technologies, and support systems that allow older adults to foster and maintain connections within the community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 54 is an assessment of the state's readiness for an aging population; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services has issued a North Carolina Aging Services Plan 2011-2015 (<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/plan.htm>) to help address North Carolina's readiness for its growing older adult population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012, as **"OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"** and urge all citizens to commend its observance. Our recognition of older Americans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich the quality of life in communities across our state.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.